

Amendments to the Specification:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

--Abstract of the Disclosure

An elongate spindle member having rigidity and stability against pressure and tensile loads as well as bending and torsional loads, is made by winding-up a plurality of mutually interlocking chain links (1, 12), during axial advancement ~~displacement of the chain links~~, into a helical winding (5, 16) by a winding guide (14). The elongate spindle member ~~is connected~~ formed by the helical winding extends between two objects, one of which ~~the winding guide (14)~~ is connected with the winding guide (14) ~~one of the two objects~~. The first turn of the helical winding is connected with a coupling member for connection with the other of the two objects, ~~and each~~. The helical winding is formed by drivingly connecting the chain links to a rotatable driving device in the winding guide ~~chain link is retained~~ and retaining each chain link in engagement with neighboring links in the same turn as well as adjacent chain links in neighboring turns.--